

## House Resolution No. 4845

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Harvey Whiting, of Independence, Missouri, who celebrated his one hundredth birthday on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, surrounded by family and friends; and

**Whereas**, Harvey Whiting was born on September 25, 1907, the eldest of four children of Delbert and Flossie Whiting, in Clitherall, Minnesota; and

**Whereas**, Harvey Whiting's childhood was one of snowstorms, sub-zero weather, outhouses and Indians, as he lived in a time when you left your doors unlocked at night in order to stay safe – so the Indians could easily come inside and stay warm by the kitchen stove, and he remembers his grandmother cooking pancakes in morning for the Indians; and

**Whereas**, when Harvey Whiting was fourteen years old, he and his family moved to Independence, Missouri, to be a part of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and he attended the Independence School of Arts and Science, graduating in 1929, after which he took a correspondence course in sheet-metal layout; and

**Whereas**, during his career in sheet-metal layout, Harvey Whiting worked for The Gleaners, Koch Refrigeration, and during the Second World War, for Pratt and Whitney, and after the war, he continued his career at Hesse Carriage Corporation, where he invented a latch assembly which Hesse had patented, and he remained at Hesse until his retirement in 1976; and

**Whereas**, in 1932, Harvey Whiting married Rhoda Ann Knight, with whom he shared sixty-eight years of wedded bliss until her death in 2000, and together they had three children, Patty, Ronnie, and Bobby, seven grand children, eleven great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations on the illustrious occasion of his one hundredth birthday to Harvey Whiting with our best wishes for many happy returns of the day; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Harvey Whiting.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Paul LeVota  
District No. 52

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4845, adopted September 25, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker